



Thrift Savings Plan BULLETIN

for Service TSP Representatives

Subject: Thrift Savings Plan Designation of Beneficiary (Form TSP-U-3)

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The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board (Board) has issued the Thrift Savings Plan Designation of Beneficiary (Form TSP-U-3). A member may use Form TSP-U-3 to direct the payment of his or her Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) account upon his or her death. Members must send Form TSP-U-3 directly to the TSP record keeper (at the address on the back of the form); service offices are **not** responsible for maintaining Form TSP-U-3. Members, however, are not required to complete Form TSP-U-3. See TSP Bulletin 01-U-3, dated July 19, 2001, for more information about designating TSP beneficiaries and the disposition of accounts for which no beneficiary designations have been filed.

Distribution to the services. The Board will send each service's central distribution point a supply of these forms. By October 1, 2001, each central distribution point should receive an amount equal to about 30 percent of its force.

Representatives from the services' central distribution points may order additional copies of the forms by using the Thrift Savings Plan Publications Order Form (TSP-U-40), which will be provided shortly. Other service representatives, however, will not be able to order the forms (or other TSP materials) directly from the TSP. Consequently, the services must develop internal procedures for notifying their central distribution points when they need additional supplies of these forms (or other TSP materials).

Distribution by the services. Upon receipt, the central distribution points must distribute these forms appropriately to the offices that are responsible for providing them to members. Service offices must provide Form TSP-U-3 to members upon request. Form TSP-U-3 is also available from the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov.

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Chapter: This bulletin may be filed in Chapter 9, Death Benefits.